



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
For Agenda Of: June 26th, 2012
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Tme: 20 min.on July 10, 2012
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Michael Dyer, Fire Chief x5500
Director(s)
Contact Info: Eric Peterson, Fire Marshal x5554

SUBJECT: Request to set Public Hearing for the 2012 Hazard Reduction Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Set July 10th, 2012 for a Public Hearing to:
 - a. declare all properties, whose owners have not complied with a notice to abate, as a fire nuisance; and
 - b. authorize the issuance of infraction citations and necessary abatement work relative to the 2012 Fire Department Defensible Space Program (Weed Abatement); and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to post the affected Property Owners List in a place easily accessible to the public.

Summary Text:

The Fire Department's Defensible Space Program is an on-going annual program to mitigate fire hazards countywide, while providing protection of lives and property. The program is mandated by the California Health and Safety Code, the California Government Code, and the 2010 California Fire Code (as adopted with amendments by the Board of Supervisors in Chapter 15 of the Santa Barbara County Code) and its penalties are governed by law.

This program provides a "Defensible Space" that allows firefighters to protect buildings and structures from encroaching wildfires as well as minimizing the change that a structure fire will escape to the surrounding wildland. Generally, a homeowner's clearing responsibility is limited to 100 feet away

from his or her building or structure or to the property line, whichever is less, and limited to their land. Endangered, rare or threatened plant species are protected and exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None related to this action.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board is requested to follow normal publishing guidelines for notice. Please send a copy of the minute order to the attention of Rose Pueschel, Fire Department.

Attachments:

Sample "Notice to Abate Fire Nuisance"
List of non-compliant parcels

Authored by:

Eric Peterson, Fire Marshal

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